

Welcome to worship at **Augustana** Lutheran Church

October 8, 2017, 11:00 am

Liturgical Season: Time after Pentecost

What does this mean?

From the earliest days of Christianity, prayer and worship have been organized around daily and yearly cycles. These holidays and seasons make up the liturgical year and help us stay focused on God's action throughout our lives. We are currently in the time after Pentecost, and the color for this season is green. The color green symbolizes growth, reminding us that we spend most of our Christian lives growing as we continue to learn and develop in our faith.



We're glad you're worshipping with us today! As you enter worship please honor the holiness and prayerfulness of the worship space.



The 500th anniversary of the Reformation is an ideal time to reflect on our Lutheran worship traditions and pose Luther's famous question, "Was ist das?" ("What does this mean?")

Today's Theme: Providence

Facing the wilderness of anxiety and fear, God promises enough for all.

GATHERING

United by God's presence in this Holy place, we each come exactly as we are: imperfect and seeking God's compassion and forgiveness.

Opening Song

I Will Follow

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

Announcements

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as people of God

Praise Music

Friend of God

Gungor/Houghton

Grace Like Rain Agnew/Collins/Newton/Rees

Litany

With Job of old we cry out: everywhere the innocent suffer

Our desires and efforts achieve us little.

Oh God, are you good, yet do nothing to help us?

Our answers have holes, and we fall through.

O God, where hearts are fearful and constricted,

Grant courage and hope.

Where anxiety is infectious and widening,

Grant peace and reassurance.

Where distrust twists our thinking,

Grant healing and illumination.

Where spirits are daunted and weakened,

Grant soaring wings and strengthened dreams.

Give us strength and guidance every day

That our voice and works might proclaim your goodness.

That our actions will speak louder than what we say,

Help us respond generously to what you first gave.

Hear us, O God and as you did to the Israelites in the wilderness,

Show yourself. Give us life.

WORD

In the words of scripture, sung, preached, and read, God provides a structure and framework for how we are to live. We are assured that we are loved and forgiven; this empowers us to love and serve our neighbor.

WORD

God speaks to us through scripture, preaching, and song

Children's Sermon

Lesson

(congregation reads line typed in **bold**)

Exodus 16:1-18

¹The whole congregation of the Israelites set out from Elim; and Israel came to the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had departed from the land of Egypt. ²The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³The Israelites said to them, "**If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.**"

⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. ⁵On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." ⁶So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, ⁷and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" ⁸And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him — what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

⁹Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹The LORD spoke to Moses and said, ¹²"I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

¹³In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. ¹⁴When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. ¹⁵When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "**What is it?**" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Gather as much of it as each of you needs, an omer to a person according to the number of persons, all providing for those in their own tents.'" ¹⁷The Israelites did so, some gathering more, some less. ¹⁸But when they measured it with an omer, those who gathered much had nothing over, and those who gathered little had no shortage; they gathered as much as each of them needed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

You Shall Know

Pastor Megan Torgerson

Sermon Questions for Reflection:

What worry or struggle in your life feels like wilderness?

What is one thing you can do each day to remind yourself that God provides for you?

How will you live generously this week so God's gifts can sustain others?

Anthem

Gratitude

Nichole Nordemann

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE

We pray for God's work in the world, including the care of those in need. Our financial gifts are offered as a grateful response for all of God's gifts to us. Our response begins on Sunday and carries on throughout the week.

MEAL

This gift is for you and all are welcome at God's table! Jesus is fully present in the bread and wine. We are nourished, forgiven, and prepared to do God's work.

RESPONSE AND MEAL

We respond to the Word, and God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

The Prayers

After each portion of the prayers:

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Communion Distribution/Offering

Enough

Tomlin/Giglio

SENDING

Worship equips us for the life we live outside the church building. God sends us from here to love, care, teach, challenge, and support others.

SENDING

The Holy Spirit sends us into the world

Benediction

Worship Leader:

Amen, Amen!

I'm alive, I'm alive because He lives!

Congregation:

Amen, Amen!

Let my song join the one that never ends

Because He lives,

Because He Lives!

Closing Song

I Will Follow

Tomlin/Ingram/Morgan

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Wayne Worth

Following worship we invite you to stop at the Information Center. It is staffed with individuals eager to answer your questions.

You are welcome to pick up our monthly newsletter, Augustana Life, at the Information Kiosk in the Narthex. It is also available online at www.augustana.com, click on RESOURCES.

Augustana uses the Narrative Lectionary as a basis for our weekly Bible readings. Next week we will read 1 Samuel 3:1-21.

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